



**Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting  
May 4, 2013  
Pass Christian Yacht Club**

**Call to Order** 10:05 hours

**Executive Committee** members present: Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr., Vice Commodore Corky Potts, Rear Commodore George Goodall, Immediate Past Commodore Pete O'Neal, Secretary Treasurer Janace Batty, Past Commodore/Parliamentarian Walter Chamberlain.

**Introduction** by Commodore Ken Yeomans welcomed the GYA to Pass Christian Yacht Club

**Roll Call** -21 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, HYC, LAYC, MYC, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, POINTYC, PONTYC, SRYC, SYC, SSYC, TYC.

Vice Commodore Potts led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The recently deceased were remembered with a moment of silence (list attached).

**Conduct of the Meeting** - Walter Chamberlain

Three minute limit on individual discussion; only 33 club commodores can vote. Reports limited to 5 minutes.

**GYA Past Commodores were recognized:** David Bolyard (PONTYC), Walter Chamberlain (BWYC), Tom Batty (BUCYC/MYC), Tom Beery (SRYC), Stewart "Tootie" Barnett (SYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Bill Dietrich (PONTYC), Kenny Kleinschrodt (BUCYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), John Morrow (GYC)

**Financial Report-** Balance in checking, \$22,711.24; balance in savings \$15,951.20.

**Minutes** –Commodore John Matthews made a motion, which was seconded & passed to approve the 2013 winter meeting minutes as previously distributed and corrected.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee Report**

Commodore Killeen- there was a lot of discussion and work accomplished in our Excom meeting last night.

### **Youth Committee- Sam Vasquez**

Noted updated 420 championships – clinic on Friday, June 21, 2013

A motion to pass the formation of a Youth Council carried after being seconded and approved, along with their by-laws.

GYA challenge cup coming up.

### **Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.**

Walter Chamberlain gave a report that a decision of an appeal didn't go well, so an appeal was taken to U.S.Sailing.

### **Judges - Chris Luppens**

Janace Batty read written report which is attached.

### **GYA Foundation -Chris Luppens**

No report.

### **Bylaws & US Sailing Report – Chris Luppens**

Meeting at SYC April 19 with U.S.Sailing ongoing issues as they restructure without house of delegates. As they restructure we will continue to give them support. Adams & Mallory's are our big issue and the championships will be reviewed.

### **Championships - Karen Reisch**

Report attached

- ✚ -planning calendar for hosting any U. S. Championship event in 2014

- ✚ Mallory isn't being held anymore Adams & Mallory families are upset about this

Kenny Kleinschrodt made a point of the difference in the directory for the impact to GYA in not having these events. Harry Chapman made comment about the direction U.S.Sailing is taking in the Mallory's, which doesn't make sense. Houston Commodore Bob Wright would like to be in our region competing. Alan McMillan gave a summary of thanks to Harry Chapman and paid a particular thanks to Karen Reisch, round of applause.

Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr. learned of the youth championship and where they are selling 420's, in fact there will be 30 for sale. Membership partner is a new plan offered by USS and we are going to try to work with them more and the use of their insurance. Danny advocates joining and being a voice that they hear. Walter Chamberlain says that it only takes 250 signatures to get up there and heard.

### **Capdevielle – Kevin Northrop**

Thanked Carl Wainwright past Chairman of Capdevielle for what he's done. Kevin is starting on a new format with a clean slate with what this committee has accomplished. Capdevielle really appreciates Danny Killeen, Sr. for continuing to calculate and distribute the results. Their goal for this year is to increase attendance, as it has slipped 11%. There are only about 9 boats maximum attending most regattas. Annually only 44% of clubs have qualified for the series, alternate format, weight restrictions. All clubs must push

attendance. Rear Commodore George Goodall asked about participation stats. Kevin doesn't have exact stats yet. There could be a burn out factor. There is a need for more team racing with weight restriction relative to juniors. Commodore David Bolyard recognized JYC for their work on giving really good regattas. BWYC Carrie Trapani asked for results for the past three regattas.

### **Kattack System**

Sam Grant has introduced an alternative to the Kattack. Be sure to go to skippers meeting at 11:00. We are looking for another system to use.

### **Membership - Tony Chavers**

No report

### **Race Management - Michael Hage**

Club Level Race Management seminar was at BYC where 30 people attended. If anyone is interested in one of these seminars please call. Qualified observer plan is in effect, contact them. They've received three requests already this year for race management seminars.

### **Offshore Council – Alan McMillan**

Challenge Cup June at GYC where John Morrow PRO for event. Separation from sport boats and traditional boats is still issue back to putting them together back in January 2013. Rating bands were too large and feel this is better. There will be a new Challenge Cup team for the first time in many years. BWYC will have a team for the first time. GYC & PYC will rotate hosting the challenge cup for the next few years. U. S. Sailing Offshore regatta will be held Houston Sept. 27, 28 & 29. GYA will have a team and Alan would like to have a second team. Kevin Northrop asked criteria of having another team. There is a need to adopt some changes. PYC ODA Opti championship is Sept. 21&22 and we are hoping that PYC will host next year. Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr. said that GORC was done well at BYC, even though low attendance and thanked Alan McMillan.

### **PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery**

- ✚ Alan McMillan is going out after this year. asked for applause
- ✚ Introduced each person for each state 24 assistant handicappers
- ✚ Refer to their website. A lot of race data available
- ✚ GORC PHRF has changed crew limits LOA for assignments
- ✚ On website all boat ratings are in the system 50 mile limit
- ✚ Gum label program is also offered on web

### **One-Design – Ashley Suzalski**

Karl Kleinschrodt is the outgoing Chairman and has done a great job. The attached slate of officers for 2013 One Design Committee was presented to Excom and approved. Trophy Committee to review deed of gift for GYA Flying Scot Championship to see if it can move from Pensacola Yacht Club.

### **Multihull Council – Bob Hodges**

Bob introduced himself as a multihull sailor since 1992. America's Cup should be a tremendous event. They are seeing a huge increase in multihull attendance. Whitehead and Reese continue to excel. Matthew Whitehead has qualified to be on Red Bull team in San Francisco. Chandler is raising money and be sure to look at the improved website happening soon with a new type format so we can see what's coming up planning on 2014 - 6 different events. Trimaran event 2014 will be held at FWYC. FL Lee Regatta, Bob offered a PHRF entry being himself. They would like to bring participation to the event of PHRF. Want to build up the excitement of sailing. Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr. has noticed how busy multihull season and calendar are.

### **Racing Rules - Commodore Larry Taggart**

Larry referred to Walter Chamberlain to explain the confusion on what transpired from Racing Rules report at winter meeting. There needs to be clarification and an adoption of these regulation changes. Walter feels there should be a rescinding. Walter makes a motion of the board of director's meeting related to Larry Taggart's report and Harry Chapman seconds the motion and it passed. So prior motions were rescinded

#### Item 1

Larry Taggart has made a motion to accept the elimination of 30.1(g)v: according to the reasons given and written in his report. Harry seconded this motion and it passed.

#### Item 2

Even though referred to Offshore Council, Secretary-Treasurer, Janace Batty has attached the exact wording change, as presented by Tom Batty, Offshore Council which was voted on and approved at the 2012 Opening Board of Directors meeting.

#### Item 3

Regulation 19.2 number of regattas to be scored presently at 50%, ADD – when the number of regattas is decreased as a result of a regatta not sailed, that the number required for scoring be "rounded down" to the next whole number. Changes are from 19.2 to 15.3. Larry Taggart made motion to approve and it was seconded/passed.

#### Item 4

##### 32.2 (a) Eligibility

Basil Kennedy found deed of gift which reads 'all skippers and crew members must be 12 years of age or older'. This item of Racing Rules regulation change needs to be referred to Trophy Committee. Harry Chapman offered that Jean Bittenmore would be glad to work with us on any changes. Walter refers to the Trophy Committee.

#### Item 5

45.1 (a) ONLY CHANGE IS from Pensacola Yacht Club to Southern Yacht Club Race Committee shall schedule and conduct the event annually as part of its Judy Wynne

Memorial Regatta held annually on Memorial Day weekend. This change of motion was made/seconded and passed.

45.1(b) The Cock of the Walk perpetual trophy shall reside permanently at Pensacola Yacht Club. Referred to Trophy and Capdevielle for permanent change.

Item 6

- 1 Applicability- to add 1.1 (a), (b) & (c) will be added after motion made/seconded/passed but will not be in current directory.

Walter Chamberlain asked about Junior Lipton Challenge trophy questioning whether this should be sent home with the skipper. Harry Chapman concluded that there were several trophies being sent to the skipper's home already.

Basil Kennedy clarifies that the amendment as to who it is awarded to for the 52, 53 & 54 GYA Youth Regulations. Larry made motion John Matthews seconded the motion that Uncle Roy Troendle Trophy is awarded to winning skipper, not the Yacht Club and motion passed.

Attached to this report is an exact report from Larry Taggart, Racing Rules Committee

**Trophy Committee** – John Matthews has ordered the new Lipton keeper trophies and is asking for two copies ALWAYS to be done on each accountability form.

DEED OF GIFT for the Opti Championship and trophy was presented and John Matthews made motion, Julian Richards seconded and motion passed for the JOHN C LOVELL, JR. GYA OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY be adopted exactly as deed of gift reads. There is a case being made.

John gave John Curren a certificate of appreciation.

**Measurement - Claude Dannemann**

No changes from the winter meeting if you need to be measured come early

**Directory - Cheri Dillard**

Cheri has directories here for you to pick up early so we don't have to mail

**Schedule – Randy Fitz-Wainwright**

GYA adopted the standard schedule any changes need to go to Excom refer 4.1 for approval.

**Webmaster** -Robbie Schmidt will take over this committee as Cathy Cromartie has asked to be replaced.

**Unfinished business**

None

**New Business** – Cary Trapani (BWYC) offered all help and assistance to come to the Liptons where there will be a huge slate of events from their committee people.

Mark McNamara KO, TX sailing brought some interesting boats to try out and also brought Ricky Hooker from the factory to talk to you about Viper 640. Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr. thanked him for coming.

Flag raising will be at noon. Gary Jobson will be here at 4:00 downstairs,

Commodore A. B. Reasonover from Buccaneer offered everyone to come to Spring Regatta May 19, 2013 and leave their boats if needed for the next regatta.

Tom Batty moves to adjourn, seconded and passed.

**Adjourned** 11:42 hours.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Janace Batty**  
**Secretary Treasurer**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Judges Committee Report**  
**Opening Regatta Meeting**  
**Pass Christian Yacht Club, Pass Christian, MS**  
**May 4, 2013**

- A Rules Update presentation was made at Southern Yacht Club on March 1, 2013 by Jim Tichenor. Over 50 people attended.
- A Judges Workshop was held at Southern Yacht Club March 2-3, 2013. The primary instructor was Jim Tichenor and Chris Luppens was the assistant. An additional 16 people attended the seminar and 13 of those people took the exam required for certification. 9 of those people passed the test. Three of the 9 who passed are not currently certified as judges and are being supported in becoming certified by being used as judges at as many GYA events as possible. Three potential new judges is a very good step in the right direction for GYA.

Southern Yacht Club needs to be commended for their ongoing support of the GYA judges and in their efforts to support the Judges Workshop once again!

- Charles Harp became a certified judge in April. Congratulations!
- The Judges Information on the GYA web site was recently lost and the page reverted to out of date information. The pages are being rebuilt and should be updated by the end of Opening Regatta.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. 'Chris' Luppens  
GYA Administrative Judge

GYA One Design Council Report to Semi-Annual Meeting

May 4, 2013

PCYC

The One Design Council report is as follows:

- Slate of Executive Committee and Members approved May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013
- Trophy Committee to review deed of gift for GYA Individual Flying Scot Championship
- One Design Class 'reps' to be identified and posted on gya.org by Annual Meeting
- One Design Council Annual Meeting may be scheduled for an earlier date than Liptons due to conflict with US Sailing Championship, but will be presented to the GYA Executive Committee at least 30 days prior.

Respectfully Submitted –

Ashley Sukalski

Incoming GYA One Design Council Chair.





## **RACING RULES COMMITTEE**

### **Annual Meeting Report**

May 4, 2013

There are several items regarding the Regs and status thereof following the January 2013 Winter Meeting.

#### **Item 1 --**

I have been contacted by at least 2 individuals who feel that the changes to the Regs proposed at the Winter Meeting (also attached to this report) by this Committee were not in fact adopted by the Board based on the minutes of that meeting.

I have told them that I recall making the motion to adopt all proposals, that the motion was seconded and approved. I also told them that there was no doubt in my mind that everything proposed had been approved by the Board when I left Fairhope.

I have no objection to seek re-approval of the Committee's recommendations at this meeting if the Excom agrees, but this report (or segments thereof) as well as the January report, should be distributed in advance of the meeting. The only change in the January proposal would be to either eliminate 30.10(g)v or replace it with *"Ties to be broken in favor of the club finishing ahead of the other clubs tied with the most improved scores in the current Lipton Championship."*

Commodore Harry Chapman has made the following points regarding the above and supports eliminating 30.1(g)v:

- "I think sticking to the theme 'most improved' is the answer and is already there (in the Regs). (In 2012 there were) ... two ways GYC had exhibited more improvement than SYC at the 2012 Lipton over 2011, namely—
- The Trophy's engraving, Deed of Gift and its Regs make it clear that it is to be awarded to the most improved team.
  - GYC and SYC tied in that each improved its final position in the 2012 series from that in the 2011 series,
  - GYC additionally improved its score by 9 points (34 to 25), whereas SYC did so by only 7 points (26 to 19), and
  - GYC also improved its score against SYC, losing to SYC by only 6 points in 2012, better than by 8 points in the prior year, an improvement in this regard by two points.
  - SYC finished ahead of GYC in 2012, as it also did in 2011. This was not an improvement on SYC's part, and therefore is no basis for it winning the tiebreaker for the "most improved performance".
  - So GYC has demonstrated improvement in 3 categories, and SYC in only one.

Accordingly, there doesn't seem to be a need to revise the Reg so as to break ties at this point, there being clear records of greater improved performance on one club's (GYC) part over the other's (SYC).

Clearly, we have a number of ways to measure improvement, but when club A finishes ahead of club B, and it also did so the previous year, then club A has shown no improvement over the previous year with respect to club B.

So far, we have the means in place to see where one club has improved in more ways than the other, but the decision for 2012 was made to do it Danny's (Past GYA Commodore Killeen) way (twice)."

This being said our Committee is somewhat confused, as we are under the impression that SYC was awarded this trophy in 2012, not GYC.

## Item 2 --

The minutes of the May 5, 2012 Annual Meeting state: "A. Regulation Amendment-Section "M" 57-GYA Women's PHRF Championship change 57.1 and 57.3. Motion made/approved/passed per attachment". We cannot find what was actually passed.

## Item 3 --

The minutes of the 2013 Winter Meeting state "Recommendation 19.2 number of races to be scored presently at 50%, ADD – when the number of raced is divided in the occurrence a regatta is not sailed, that the number required for scoring be "rounded down" to the next whole number. Motion made/moved/passed". We are not clear as to what rule this references.

## Item 4 --

As approved at the 2013 Winter Meeting the following change was made to Reg 32 Knost All-Female Championship:

### 32.2 Eligibility

- (a) Racing skippers and crewmembers shall be limited to females. There shall be no minimum age except that at least one (1) crew member on board each boat shall have reached her "Thirteenth" birthday during that Calendar year. who have reached the age of twelve years before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the series.

There was also some discussion about increasing the number of races in this event, but there did not seem to be any decision on this.

## Item 5 –

As directed at the 2013 Winter Meeting the following are the proposed changes to Reg 45:

#### **45 GYA INDIVIDUAL FLYING SCOT CHAMPIONSHIP**

##### **45.1 Host Club**

- (a) ~~Pensacola Yacht Club~~The Southern Yacht Club Race Committee shall schedule and conduct the event annually as part of its Jubby Wynne Memorial Regatta held annually on Memorial Day weekend.
- (b) The **Cock of the Walk** perpetual trophy shall reside permanently at Pensacola Yacht Club. ?????
- (c) Entry fees may be charged.

**45.2 Eligibility.** Entrants (skippers only) shall be members of GYA Clubs (3). There is no limit to the number of entries per club.

**45.3 Number of Races.** Scheduled shall be **five**; the number of races to be completed to constitute a series shall be set by the organizing authority.

##### **45.4 Crews**

- (a) Skippers shall be members (3) of a GYA Club.
- (b) The same crew shall sail all series races.
- (c) The minimum crew weight shall be 390 pounds live weight.

**45.5 Boats.** Boats, sails and equipment may be either club owned or privately owned.

**45.6 Trophies.** The Host Club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies.

**45.7 Perpetual Trophy.** The winning skipper shall be awarded the **Cock of the Walk Trophy** provided by Commodore Lewis B. Pollak, Sr.

#### **Item 6 –**

Too often items come up for approval at GYA Board meetings that have not been vetted by this committee as required. It is therefore proposed that the following be change to Reg 1 be considered at the 2014 Winter Meeting. The proposed revisions are patterned after GYA By-Law revision requirements.

#### **1 APPLICABILITY**

These Regulations spell out the administration, management of, and criteria for events sanctioned by the Gulf Yachting Association. They may be amended by the GYA Board of Directors only as follows:-

1.1 These Regulations may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those members present and entitled to vote provided that the amendment is

- (a) shall have been proposed in writing by a General Member, a member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, a Council, or a standing or special committee;

- (b) if originated by a party other than the Racing Rules Committee shall have been submitted to that committee for review as required by By-Law Article VIII Section 8 through its chair no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be considered ;
- (c) shall have been included with the notice of the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.

We also recommend that whatever of the above is approved at the May meeting be incorporated into the Regs and posted on the GYA website as an individual item as well as emailed to the regular mailing lists.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr." in a cursive script.

Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.  
Past GYA Commodore and Chairman

## **GYA, OFFSHORE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPENING REGATTA MEETING**

5-4-2013

Alan called meeting to order all were present except Benz Faget, who had an excused absence

### **Challenge Cup**

- John Morrow reported on the 2013 GYA Challenge Cup Hosted by Gulf Port Yacht Club.
  - Regatta Chair for GYC is Christy Yost and Gail Weatherly
  - Regatta PRO is John Morrow
  - Judges are
    1. Karen Reisch
    2. Pete Morrill
    3. George Goodall
    4. Lloyd Causey
- Tom Berry talked about the rating bands for 2013
  - A. 15-72
  - B. 75-111
  - C. 114-150
  - D. 153-213

Tom talked about the need for GYC to add to the NOR's and after lots of debate it will now say (Crew limits as stated on the PHRF certificate are in effect for this regatta)

Tom also mentioned that last year with a sport boat class we had more participation. We need to monitor this at this year's regatta to see where we stand.
- Alan talked about the offshore council wanting a minimum of 1 race a day with an upwind finish. Although we were not requiring one race a day with an upwind finish, it was spelled out to the PRO of our intent. John said he understood and they would try to accommodate us.
- Alan asked the board members to get feedback from the sailors of what they liked and disliked about the regatta and any changes they would like to see.
- Alan asked the board to consider some unconventional items for future Challenge Cups
  1. Joint Club participation
  2. Multi Hull Class
- Alan talked about at the GYA meeting earlier they talked about 3 and 4 boat teams and only the 4 boat team were eligible for the Spring Hill Trophy. Alan will follow up to see how it is written
- Scotty to represent the GYA Offshore Council at the Challenge cup as Alan will not be available to attend.

### **PHRF Committee Update**

- Tom went through the history of the original requirements for a boat to get a PHRF certificate in the GYA and what the requirements are now. With the evolution of sport boats, we now have to look at the one design rules requirements to understand how the boat is sailed i.e. Life lines, Hiking straps or other devices allowed by one design rules. Tom suggested that the Off Shore Council put in at sanction events those boats with no life lines must wear PFD. This was only a discussion for this meeting

### **GORC**

- Scotty gave us a report on the GORC this year low turnout but race will be held the first week of April this year.

### **GYA Woman's Championship**

- PBYC requested that the bylaws for the championship be changed to allow PBYC not host every other year. Tom Batty to send Alan the language so he can change it and bring it to a vote by the Offshore Council executive committee. There was also talk to change the bylaws to allow more than three races.

### **OTHER**

- Alan will send out the Offshore Council executive committee bylaws electronically to all board members.
- William Zehner suggests we consider a (GYA BOAT OF THE YEAR TROPHY) for the 5 sanction events. He will put something together to discuss at our next meeting.
- Council to consider amending rule 56.6 to include that the Crew limit and Weight from the bottom of the PHRF will be in effect as written on the certificate.
- Next meeting we will talk about what other areas do for One Design boats that race PHRF, do they incorporate the One Design rules? Tom an Allen to talk to US PHRF Bruce Bingham prior to next meeting and ask these questions
  1. Are other areas rating boats without life lines
  2. ODR boats racing PHRF do they follow the ODR class rules